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Thanksgiving Give-Away Ceremony
Sunday, November 19th, 11:00 a.m.

In the Native American Give-Away Ceremony, a participant gives gifts to the others present in honor of her own abundance. She also receives gifts from others doing the same. Wisely, the process allows everyone to experience gratitude in an ongoing circle. We'll recreate our own version of the ceremony on Sunday, November 19th. If you'd like to participate, please bring a gift to be given away randomly. Ideally, the gift would be an object of beauty, pleasure, or meaning, but not of monetary value. Examples might be a shell you found at the beach or driftwood, a flower, a copy of a favorite poem, chocolate, seeds, etc. We especially invite children to attend this service and ask their assistance in distributing the gifts. Music will be provided by Drumming Wolf, Singing Deer, and Rainbow Moon who have studied extensively with a Native American Medicine Teacher named Little Night Bear. Along with drumming and special music they will lead us in singing Native American songs. Please join us on this full-hearted occasion.

Submitted by Sharon Mathis

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Our Congregation is entering a new stage. The inevitable will take place on December 31st when Lanier retires as our Senior Minister. I believe he has taught us well over the past 24 years. Now WE must put these lessons into action and move forward. WE will determine OUR future. FEEL what is in your heart, and SPEAK your mind, and LISTEN with interest and patience. TOGETHER we can continue this grand experiment born of Lanier's vision.

Submitted by Marsha Mitchner

Honoring and Celebrating Lanier
Saturday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 17th, 11:00 a.m.

Creating a Scrapbook of Memories As a gift for Lanier, members and friends are creating an album with photos of E-Cong events and people, artwork, personal messages to him, etc. from each of us. You are welcome to contribute any momentos , photos, old programs, letters, artwork, poems, (whatever you can think of) as long as it fits on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper we can three hole punch into the book. If you want to write a personal letter and do not wish for it to be seen by others, please place it in an 8 ½ x 11 envelope and we will hole punch the envelope into the book to be opened by Lanier. From November 4th through December 10th, the album will be available each Sunday morning for those who wish to write messages in it. You can drop off your contributions at the Sunday service, or mail them to the E-Cong c/o Sharon Mathis or Darlene Weathers. If you want to submit a cover design, please do! Also, think of something to say for the open mic, 30 seconds for everyone who wants to say something to Lanier.

Gift As a parting gift to Lanier, the Program Committee is hoping to raise money to fund a substantial memorium to help Lanier with his living expenses during the months of transition he will be facing. Duncan Teague and Jean Heinrich are in charge of fund raising, and they would greatly appreciate any fundraising assistance or contributions. If you have any questions about any of the Lanier Retirement Festivities, please contact any of the members of the Special Program Committee to celebrate and honor Lanier's retirement: Jean Heinrich, Carol Harter, Duncan Teague, Robert Stewart, Pat Creasman, Liz Albright, Sharon Mathis, and Mia Jamison. Darlene Weathers will be assisting with the collection of the materials. If you would like to help out and are not already, please let someone on the committee know!

Submitted by Sharon Mathis and the Special Retirement Celebration Committee

1st E Events

"Courage, Strength and Wisdom: Lesbians with Cancer"

Our Sanctuary Photo Exhibition
Nov. 18th thru Dec. 10th

Opening reception with guided audio exhibit tours for the public on Sunday, Nov. 19th from 3 to 6pm.

Art, Antiques & Stuff... an Auction to benefit **Best Friends Animal Sanctuary**

Saturday, November 11th

Join us in the Annual Art, Antiques & Stuff Auction to benefit the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. The Sanctuary provides a home to over 1,800 formerly abused or abandoned dogs, rabbits, horses and birds. Most are rehabilitated and adopted into good homes, others receive love and care for the rest of their lives. To help fund the work of this dedicated group local supporters are auctioning a collection of wonderful and unusual pieces of art, antiques, services and more. There will be door prizes as well. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. for item previews and silent auction. The Live Auction begins at 6:45. Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the door. For tickets and information, please call Mia at 404-872-6025

Congregation By-Laws Vote Sunday, Nov. 12th

Our congregation will have the opportunity to vote on new By-laws, Sunday, November 12th after service. Thanks to Nancy Zumoff, Tina Petrig, and Bill Read for their work on our new by-laws over the past 12 months. They reviewed by-laws from other congregational style spiritual groups. The goal is to have by-laws that will guide us in the next several years, provide clear lines of responsibility for our congregation, and provide flexibility for our projects.

Outside the Lines

Festival of Fine Arts and Handmade Crafts December 1st and 2nd

Our annual arts and crafts festival will be here soon! Friday night, December 1st will open the festival with a reception and party from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, December 2nd, the festival will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a great place to pick up gifts for others or yourself. It's also a lot of fun to wander among the booths and other shoppers for the high spirits and energies. Refreshments will be on sale both days. A $1 donation is requested at the door to defray production costs.

NOTE: We are asking for volunteers to help with the set up, take down, refreshments, donation table and charge card table. Also, we are requesting volunteers to make chili and cornbread for Saturday. Please call Marsha Mitchner at 404-355-8894 if you can help. Thanks!

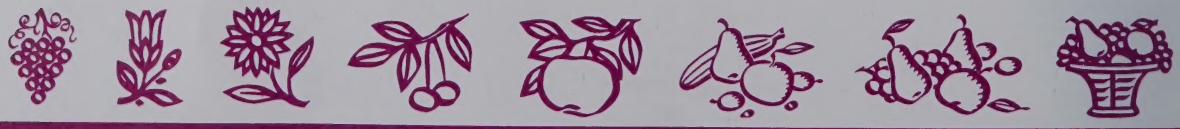
Mark Your Calendars for Lanier's Retirement Events:

December 16th Party and Show
December 17th Celebration and Party

Volunteers COME FORWARD Now if you want to participate!!! Contact Liz Albright or Carol Harter !!

New E-Pages Directory

Thanks to Marsha Mitchiner for her labors in creating a new directory for our congregation. She gathered all the data and worked with our administrator in getting accurate information into our computer. It represents a lot of hours of work for our community.



Reflections by Lanier Clance

"Beginnings and endings are always hard," said Sonia Nevis, one of my guides during the last 24 years. I am finding it increasingly difficult to say much about leaving the Existentialist Congregation. As we have talked with each other, I am very aware that each participation in a project, celebration, meeting, etc, will be my last, as senior minister of our congregation.

I am very aware that I have four to five more services that I will lead and present a sermon/ lecture. I am as joyful in the fullness of my spirit, in the excitement of ideas, and in living as I have ever been in my life. I am also very sad that I am not physically and emotionally able to remain with you all as one of your ministers in this congregation. I love living within paradoxes; however, I could use a few less and be happy.

As I talk and listen to what you all are saying about our congregation, I am excited at the evolution of our self-concept as a congregation. Many of us are putting a lot of energy into our thriving well in this new century. Our congregation is in a very passionate state. We have as individuals many different feelings about my leaving. There is also for me and, I believe, for our congregation the very real fear of the unknown changes we all face. This is a new experience for our congregation and me. While I advocate a life of constant new experiences, I am very much aware of the excitement and sometimes the pure terror of coping with or surviving the new experience.

Major beginnings and endings happen throughout our life. There is no correct way of entering or leaving. I believe we all do it as well as we can. My personal experience is that the more passionately present we are in our commitment to life, the more difficult it is to take a leap into the unknown.

The final services Lanier will be conducting and preaching are Nov. 5th & 12th. He will be speaking briefly on Nov. 19th, and Dec. 3rd & 10th. Lanier will be participating in the Dec.17 Celebration.

Treasurer's Report for September 2000

Cash Flow. September operating income was $7,579 and operating expenses were $7,991, so we had a *negative* monthly cash flow of $412. Year-to-date, operating income is $70,610 and expenses are $75,384 for a *negative* cash flow of $4,774 for the first nine months.

Budget Status. On September 30 our checking account was *minus* $175. Since our current expenses are about $8,000 monthly, we must have a positive cash flow to pay our bills on time each month. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge for 2000, please do so as soon as possible. If you have already fulfilled your entire pledge, please consider making an extra year-end gift. Your timely support now will do much to help our Congregation finish the year smoothly.

Choosing Our Future. The theme of our 2001 annual campaign is "Choosing Our Future." This theme was selected by our Board because it says exactly what our Congregation will be doing as we enter 2001. We will each choose the level of financial support we will provide to sustain our Congregation, and we will choose the ministers, programs, and services we want to have. The choices are ours alone, and our choices will determine our future as a Congregation. The 2001 campaign will occur in November and December. When you receive your pledge materials, please choose to give First E. your strong support in the coming year. Thank you.

Regards & Love.....Bill Read, E.T.

PLEASE VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

Community Events

Happy November Birthdays!!!

Karla Crawford 11/23, Kathy Cato 11/30, Lisa Cottrell 11/11, Anna Fincher 11/22, Jean Pressly 11/5, Dean Rowley 11/30, Jill Ruhlman 11/19, Jill Sakalares 11/30, Alice Sibley-Silvan 11/12, Olivia Simonton 11/5, Will Stewart 11/2, Jessica Wolcott 11/18, Judith Young 11/5, Polly Bell 11/21, Earl Waltz 11/18, Rachael Marie Kelly 11/4, Robin Poovey 11/3, Natalie Leonard 11/11, Mel Liddell 11/13.

Congratulations Lisa Cottrell, New Board Chair at First E

Our Congregation has the good fortune of Lisa Cottrell's acceptance of the Chair of our Board of Directors. Lisa is a Program Manager at Sprint, holds a master's degree in psychology, and is working toward licensure in counseling. Bringing professional leadership experience, a sense of humor and a dedicated heart to the table, Lisa is pleased to serve as an important link between our Congregation and Board. Take some time to speak with her or our other Board members about your visions and concerns.

First E Board Members

Lisa Cottrell-Chair; Betsy Henderson, Brownie Hendricks, Janna Nelson-Recorder, Tina Petrig, Bill Read-Treasurer, Martha Renfroe-Garner, Stacey Shulman, Andy Weiskoff; and ExOfficio: Marsha Mitchiner and Lanier Clance.

Get Ready...It's Coming! The 2nd Annual Existentialist CD Sale

During the second and third Sundays in November, the 12th and 19th, we will be having our Annual CD Sale to Benefit the First E. Beginning on Sunday Nov. 5th, please bring in CDs, cassettes, audio books and videos for our benefit sale. Clean out that music center and help us out!!

Submitted by Pat Hewatt

Scott & Janna's Live Recording Finale at Sweet Melissa's

Join Scott, Janna & Friends on Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9pm til midnight for their final performance at Sweet Melissa's on the square in Decatur. The show will be recorded live, and everyone is expressly invited to appear as the best audience ever for recorded posterity. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the existential music scene as only we can.

Community Invited to Alternate ROOTS Performance Showcase at 7 Stages Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 9th

Members of Alternate ROOTS present a showcase featuring a diverse, multidisciplined evening of performances by some of our region's best performers and companies, like Several Dancers' CORE, Elise Witt, Veronika Jackson, Cynthia Watts, Ronnog Seaberg, Priscilla Smith & Madeline St. Romaine, Dana Phelps Marschalk, M.C. Steve Seaberg and our illustrious host band, The Deluxe Vaudeville Orchestra. The show begins at 7pm, $5 donation. For reservations or more information call 404/755-7971.

Submitted by Steve Seaberg

At 7 Stages in November

Through Nov. 5: ***In Berlin*** by Jim Grimsley, directed by Anders Cato

Nov. 10 & 11: ***City for Sale*** by San Francisco Mime Troupe

Nov. 14-18: Masks and Movement for children & adults by Gateway Performance Theatre

Nov. 16-26: ***Hot Flashes, Power Surges and Private Summers*** written & performed by Rhodessa Jones

Call 404-522-0911 for information; box office 404-523-7647

Community Announcements

Congratulations Dr. Toni Rossi!

ALCI: Healing Angel Award!!!

On October 8th at the Annual Garden Party of the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative (ALCI), Toni Rossi was awarded the Dennie Doucher Healing Angel Award. The Award recognized her support of lesbians living with cancer. Toni has been very generous by donating office space, money, and her compassionate caring for lesbians, their partners and families who struggle with cancer. The award is a reproduction of an angel that Dennie made as part of her healing process, lovingly recreated by Jill Ruhlman and Sabiha Mujtabah.

Submitted by Jill Ruhlman

At the First E, we know Toni Rossi and the passion she brings to everything she does. It is still fulfilling to see someone so hardworking and dedicated to life receive that recognition of how they walk in their life on a path of healing and awareness. I was at a funeral the day the award was given and missed seeing her presented with the award. Cherie Conter had passed on the previous Friday night after a long struggle with breast cancer. Many of the people in our congregation including Jill attended the funeral for Cherie on a beautiful hilltop with a view of Stone Mountain and the city skyline. Cherie was a wonderful and dynamic woman who lived her life passionately. She left behind a partner, Rebecca Quintana and left a hole in the lesbian community where she had many dear friends and a close family. When I was at the funeral for Cherie I felt very grateful to Toni and Jill, as well as all the other wonderful women at ALCI and in our congregation for all the work you do on bringing awareness and healing to women. The ALCI had been a big support to Cherie in her struggle. Thank you Toni.

Submitted by Darlene Weathers/Lightning Rattle

Congratulations Dr. Nancy Zumoff!

Nancy has published her third book, EARTH STUDIES Applied Calculus - A Modeling Approach. Published by Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. Congratulations! Nancy is a full professor of Mathmatics at Kennesaw State University and this work was co-authored with Christopher Schaufele of Kennesaw State University and M. Paul Latiolais of Portland State College. The book has received support from the U.S. Department of Education, FIPSE, and the National Science Foundation. Nancy's first book, Earth Algebra which was published in the early 90s is in it's second revision and is widely used and considered a classic. YEAH FOR YOU NANC!!!!

Founder's Day Benefit a Success!!

The Founder's Day Benefit was a great success! We made $611.00! Thanks to all who bought tickets and especially to the following wonderful people who donated items for the benefit:

Cowboy Envy: Hear this great group at Eddie's Attic in Decatur at 5:30 p.m. October 29th, November 26th, and December 17th. Eddie's Attic is now non-smoking.

HEARTLINES: Annabeth Balance and Elaine DeCostanzo. Visit their store at 375 Pharr Road, #114, Atlanta, or phone for information 404-816-5050.

Rainbow Moon Woman: Come see her work at the *Outside the Lines Art Show*! December 1st and 2nd!

Katie Carstens/Mali Harrell: See Katie and Mali at the *Outside the Lines Art Show*! December 1st and 2nd!

Stacey Shulman: Call Stacey at 404-298-9752 to set up a Foot Reflexology session!

Karla Crawford: Call Karla at 404-814-0361 to set up a Therapeutic Massage session.

Marsha Mitchner: Call Marsha at 404-634-2225, ext. 2 to set up a Therapeutic Massage session.

Kitty Wimbish: Call Kitty at 770-934-9954 to set up a dance lesson! Individual or couple!

Joan Campitelli: Joan encourages you to donate to your favorite AIDS organization.

Thanks to All for Spirited Gifts of Time

We are thankful to have so many talented, creative and hardworking members and friends so generous in giving of themselves.

Thanks so much to:

- The Atrium Jazz Trio, featuring LaTonya Peoples, Earl South and Jay Maurice for their generous and spirited gift of music that made our Coffee House Benefit.
- Stacey Shulman, Pat Hewatt, Liz Albright and all those who helped make the Coffee House Benefit with Atrium Jazz Trio such a wonderful event.
- All the contributors to our Founders' Day and October Sunday Celebrations: Duncan Teague, Mia Jamison, Sharon Mathis, Jean Heinrich, Scott Hooker, Janna Nelson, Roger Presley, DeDe Vogt, Andy Weiskoff, Liz Albright, Marsha Mitchiner, Sheri Mann Stewart, Darlene Weathers, Stacey Shulman, Betsy Henderson, Jill Ruhlman, DoubleVision speakers, and all others.
- Special thanks to our Sunday Celebrations guest musicians LaTonya Peoples and Connie Hanes.
- Jill Ruhlman, Pat Hewatt, Kitty Wimbish and all who helped make our Day of the Dead Celebration so special.
- Pat Creasman and the Program Committee for coordinating the October Sunday Programs.
- November Sunday Programs Coordinator is Sharon Mathis.
- Thanks to all who assisted with and attended our Yom Kippur Second Night Observance.
- A very special thanks to Janna Nelson for securing children's furniture with $1500 from the Leon Garner Memorial Fund. All contributions to this fund go to support our children.
- Special thanks to Harry Sakalares and Joanie Kimble for their coordinating the Retreat at The Mountain.
- To the Jane Doe Collective for their stimulating visual collaborations that continue to enhance our Sanctuary.
- To Cindy Sproul with support from the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative will exhibit *Courage, Strength and Wisdom: Lesbians with Cancer* beginning Nov. 18th with an opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 19th from 3 to 6pm.
- Thanks to Susan Reu and Brownie Hendricks for their good-humored labors stuffing our October newsletter.
- Thanks to Betsy Henderson for the gift of her caring attention to our Sanctuary during her week of vacation.
- To all the friends of First E who came out on the Chili Clean-Up Party Saturdays to give of their energies in the physical transformation of our Sanctuary.
- To Brownie Hendricks and Betsy Henderson for their dedication in coordinating the 3 Clean-Up Saturdays in October.
- To Betsy Henderson for pots of fabulous chili to sustain & inspire our Clean-Up crews on Saturdays.
- Thanks to Karen Thornton for creating delightful flyers for our Building & Grounds Chilli Clean-Up Parties.

Montesquieu: *"Republics come to an end through luxury; monarchies through poverty."*

Aristotle: *"When there is no middle class, and the poor greatly exceed in number, troubles arise, and the state soon comes to an end."*

November Celebrations of Life

Nov 5 "A Revolutionary's Fate: Politics, Capitalism, and Terror"

Speaker: Lanier Clance
Special Music & Accompaniment: Roger Presley

Nov 12 "The Ultimate Challenge of an Existentialist"

Speaker: Lanier Clance
Accompaniment: Scott Hooker

Nov 19 *Thanksgiving Give-Away Ceremony*

"Existentialist Foundations of Giving"
Speaker: Lanier Clance
Special Music & Accompaniment: Drumming Wolf, Singing Deer, Rainbow Moon
Facilitator: Sharon Mathis

Nov 26 "Stories for the Dark Times"

Story Readers: Pat Creasman, Suzanne Imes, Sharon Sanders
Accompaniment: Scott Hooker
Facilitator: Sharon Mathis

November Programs Coordinator is Sharon Mathis

First E November Congregation Calendar

Sunday 5	***Celebration of Life*** 11a.m. *First Sunday Program for Young People* downstairs Bring stuff for Great Existential CD & More Sale **Members & Board Discussion of Proposed ByLaws for First E**
Tuesday 7	**Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m.**
Saturday 11	**Art, Antiques & Stuff...an Auction to benefit Best Friends Animal Sanctuary** Doors open at 5:45pm, live auction 6:45pm; Tix $10 advance, $15 door For Tix and info call Mia at 404-872-6025
Sunday 12	***Celebration of Life*** 11a.m. **Great Existential CD & More Sale** December newsletter deadline **Congregational Meeting to vote on ByLaws** after service
Sunday 19	***Celebration of Life*** 11a.m. **Great Existential CD & More Sale** Opening reception for art show *Courage, Strength & Wisdom: Lesbians with Cancer* with Audio-Guided Exhibit Tours; 3pm to 6pm - all welcome
Tuesday 21	**BiNature Meeting** 7 to 9 p.m.
Thursday 23	**First E office closed for Thanksgiving**
Sunday 26	***Celebration of Life*** 11a.m.
Fri Dec 1	***Between the Lines*** **Holiday Art Sale** - Opening reception & sale; 7 to 9:30pm
Sat Dec 2	***Between the Lines*** **Holiday Art Sale** - Sales & refreshments; 10am to 4pm

November Sanctuary Art Exhibitions by Jane Doe Collective and Cindy Sproul with ALCI

On The Spirit of Gravity

I came to my truth by diverse paths and in diverse ways: it was not upon a single ladder that I climbed to the height where my eyes survey my distances.

And I have asked the way only unwillingly - that has always offended my taste! I have rather questioned and attempted the ways themselves.

All my progress has been an attempting and a questioning - and truly, one has to *learn* how to answer such questioning! That however - is to my taste: not good taste, not bad taste, but *my* taste, which I no longer conceal and of which I am no longer ashamed.

"This - is now *my* way: where is yours?" Thus I answered those who asked me "the way." For *the* way - does not exist!

Nietzsche from Thus Spoke Zarathustra

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New Children's Programs

The aftercare program for children from Mary Lin Elementary School is a delightful addition to our community. The Board approved the use of the downstairs for this high quality program, which is directed by Darlene Weathers (Lightning Rattle), a long time Congregation member. She is joined by Nicole Coleman and Juanita Furlow as assistants. Both women are teachers who bring skill, experience and a positive presence to the program. Before starting the program in our space, an aftercare consultant came for a site visit, as part of the process of becoming licensed. She was very impressed with the space, the overall facilities and the planned program. Candler Park is considered a high-need area for aftercare, and having the program here is positive in numerous ways; we are providing a much-needed space and service to community families, supporting a congregant's business, receiving a percentage of aftercare tuition for use of the space, opening our space to the surrounding community, thereby introducing new people to our presence here, and becoming more welcoming to our neighbors.

The Board also unanimously approved to have consistent, every week Sunday programs for any children who may attend. Sylvia Cross will continue to coordinate and plan the programs and will work on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. Nicole Coleman, one of the aftercare teachers, will work on the 1st and 5th Sundays, and will coordinate plans and activities with Sylvia. This consistent programming for children ties in with the commitment to and belief in our future growth.

We had lots of children, both members and visitors, show up the first Sunday in September, before Nicole was hired. One of our Board Co-Chairs, Harry Sakalares, demonstrated his commitment by going downstairs with the children and providing parents the opportunity to fully engage in the Sunday Celebration. Thanks, Harry, for walking the talk, being a spontaneous volunteer and making a powerful statement through action, not just words, about our increased commitment and responsibility to the children and their families.

Submitted by Janna Nelson

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway. If you are successful you will win some false friends and true enemies; Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa

First E Events

League of Crafty Guitarists Concert
October 10th, 8:30 p.m.
Benefit for the Center for Creative Aspiration

The internationally acclaimed League of Crafty Guitarists comes to the First Existentialist Congregation on October 10th in a benefit for the Center for Creative Aspiration in Candler Park.

Founded in 1985, the League of Crafty Guitarists has brought its unique brand of ensemble music to audiences all over the world. The League springs from a tradition of highly interactive music making. Their material ranges from simple melodic chamber works to highly intricate compositions, densely layered rock roll sound paintings to playful circulated improvisations. The League of Crafty Guitarists, consisting of 13 players, is under the musical direction of Curt Golden. To learn more abut Guitar Craft and the League of Crafty Guitarists, please visit *www.guitarcraft.com*. Tickets are $10 at the door.

Standard Deviation CD Release Party
With Scott, Janna & Friends
Friday, October 24th, 8 p.m.
Celebrate the Music!!!

Standard Deviation invites you to join us in celebrating the release of our compact disc on October 24, at 8 p.m., in the sanctuary.

The release of our CD, also called "Standard Deviation," is the culmination of over a year's preparation and hard work, and needless to say we are extremely proud of the product. Now it's time to say thank you to all those who have helped make it possible through their moral support and financial contributions. We are very excited about this opportunity to celebrate with you.

Our group will make some noise that night, featuring some of the selections on the CD. Refreshments will be offered, and you can pick up a copy of the CD.

Any help with setting up, transportation of refreshments, and all the other unglamorous, but extremely necessary, tasks would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Scott Hooker

"Orixas" Exhibition by Flavio Lins of Brazil
Opens October 24th
Art Reception Sunday, November 9th, 3-6 p.m.

This art exhibit by Flavio Lins represents the archetypes of Candomble, a religion in Brazil associated with the traditions and beliefs of those of African descent. Africans uprooted from their land and sold as slaves brought their culture, history, and experiences with them. These expressions were suppressed and lost in many areas of slavery but nurtured and survived in Brazil and other countries of the African diaspora. Here, African culture survived through the slaves' belief in a protective Orixa an archetype, a God or Goddess, that represents forces of nature and personality traits of humans. Candomble is a religion that portrays the mystery of human nature linked to natural forces through the Orixas and an urge to express this mystery. This exhibit is one artist's expression of the Orixas in this tradition.

The artist, Flavio Lins, is a sensitive man with extensive experience in ecletic artwork. Born in the northeast of Brazil in Pernambuco state in 1967, his art is influenced by a balanced mix of the rich, popular culture and the beliefs of his people. In 1979, he moved to Salvador in Bahia State, cultural capital of Brazil, when he started showing his vocation by painting his first canvas. His preference is to mingle vibrant colors and create his own art through which he is able to transmit the passion he feels for life. Flavio invites everyone to the opening reception for "Orixas."

Drawing Mandalas Workshop with Susanne Fincher Saturday, October 25th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

A one day workshop nurturing creative self-expression

Leader Susanne Fincher is an art therapist with over 25 years experience working with individuals, couples, and groups. She is the author of *Creating Mandalas* and *Coloring Mandalas.*

Mandalas are circular designs that reflect the flowering of consciousness. Sacred art of the East is often in the form of carefully constructed mandalas of sand, paint, or stone. In this workshop you will learn how to create mandalas with designs such as those found in snowflakes, in rose windows, and in the ancient art of India, Tibet, and the Middle East. While attention must be given to measuring in the construction of these mandalas, the process of drawing a measured mandala can be very contemplative and soothing. It leads one to an understanding that numbers were first conceived as a quality of Divinity, and that enumeration was once a sacred practice.

The fee of $40 tuition will benefit the First E. For information and to register contact Susanne: 404-290-8773

ASEDA Swing Dances at First E Saturdays, October 11th and 25th, November 22nd Free Lessons 8 p.m., Dance 9 p.m.

Come out to Dance with ASEDA! Don't miss out on the upcoming Swing Nights in October and November. The first dance will be on October 11th with the live music of the Eddie Tigner Quartet. Our second dance will be on October 25th with great music by 2 DJs. And we'll have live music again by Scott & Janna at our third dance on November 22nd . Dances start at 9 p.m. Free beginner swing lesson at 8:00 p.m. No partner or experience necessary. Tix $9/$12. For more information visit: *http://www.ASEDA.org*

Charis Circle Book Signing Maxine Hong Kingston Friday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Charis Circle directly for more information at: 404-524-0304 or *cherie@chariscircle.org*, or info@chariscircle.org

Candler Park Festival Latin Dance Fundraiser Fri., October 17th, 6:30 p.m., Salsa Lessons 7:30-10 p.m., Dance with Salsa Band

Candler Park FallFest is back and bigger than ever! The three-day neighborhood festival will take place in Candler Park on October 17, 18 and 19. FallFest will feature a **SALSA NIGHT** benefit on October 17th at the First Existentialist Congregation with salsa lessons and a groovin' latin sound by **Tambourica**. Tickets for the benefit are available at DonnaVanGogh's in Candler Park.

TamBoricua is Atlanta's premier Latin Dance band. They have taken the Afro-Puerto Rican rhythms of bomba and plena, along with some salsa, merengue and Latin jazz, to give a show that is guaranteed to make you dance!

For more information about this event or the festival, visit the website at **www.cpfallfest.org.** FallFest 2003 is a production of the **Candler Park Neighborhood Organization** *(www.candlerpark.org)* and **Aslan Productions, Inc.** *(www.aslan-productions.com)*

Grantwriting Classes at the First E in November, 2003

Janina Edwards will be teaching several classes on grant writing in November. For exact dates, and details, please check upcoming E-Notes and newsletters, or call Janina Edwards at 404-288-5924, justwrite@mindspring.com.

First E Events. . . continued on p. 4

First E Events (cont.)

Existential Discussion with Rev. Janna Nelson October 19th, after Sunday Celebration

This group will meet the third Sunday in October, the 19th, rather than the 12th. In September we discussed a selection from Fritz Perl's book, *Gestalt Therapy Verbatim*, as the second reading exploring the concept of "authenticity" from a variety of viewpoints and writing styles. Copies of the group's next selection, an excerpt from Kurt Vonnegut's novel, "Mother Night," will be available on the literature table by the end of September. Everyone is invited to join in as we passionately explore and discuss ideas, listen respectfully, think, share, stretch and laugh together. Call or e-mail Shelly Ahmann if you want to be on the discussion group e-mail or phone list.

"Despair to Bliss" Concert Lecture & CD Release Party Friday, November 7th, 8-10 p.m.

Join Dr. Jean Heinrich in the Existentialist Sanctuary for a mini-concert, mini-lecture and release party for her CD, "Despair to Bliss: Suite to a Human Woman Awakening." Jean Heinrich is a clinical psychologist and musician practicing in Atlanta. The concert is respectfully dedicated to her teachers: Earl C. Brown, Ph.D., Pauline Rose Clance, Ph.D., Ray Craddick, Ph.D., and Sonia Nevis, Ph.D.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jean Heinrich at 404-659-5945.

Thanks to All for Spirited Gifts of Time in September

We are thankful to have so many talented, creative and hardworking members and friends so generous in giving of themselves...

Thanks to all contributors to our Sunday Celebrations: Lisa Cottrell, Charlene Ball, D. Patton White, Don Boyd, Scott Hooker, Rev. Janna Nelson, and all others.

Very special thanks to all involved in our Founders' Day Celebration & Installation of Rev. Janna Nelson as full-time minister: Jean Heinrich, Scott Hooker, Angela Motter, Andy Weiskoff, Roger Presley, Carol Calvert, Sylvia Cross & the Children, Betsy Henderson, Nancy Zumoff, Rev. Lanier Clance, Rev. Marsha Mitchiner, Rev. Dean Rowley, Mel Liddell, Jan Riley, Tom Dunn, Edi/th Kelman, Cindy Lou Who, and all participating Members and Friends of the Congregation.

Very special thanks to all who contributed to the celebratory decorations and reception for Janna's installation service: Liz Albright, Karla Crawford, Charlene Ball, Betsy Henderson, Lynn Tippetts, Edith Covington, Laura Seaman, Carol Harter, Carol Calvert, Lisa Cottrell, Kitty Wimbish, Andy Weiskoff, Karen Thornton, and all others.

Thanks to Sanctuary Gallery Artists Chantal Gadd and Ruth Schowalter for their thought-provoking celebration of the female form in paint, "SHE." The exhibit will energize our Sanctuary space through October 12.

Thanks to ZAMI for gracing our Sanctuary with the remarkable celebratory program and entertainment honoring the 14 gay and lesbian scholars of African descent receiving Audrey Lorde Scholarships this year.

Community Announcements

!!! Happy October Birthdays !!!

Peggy Brooks 10/28, Pauline Rose Clance 10/19, Sheryll Dahlke 10/24, Patrick Fincher 10/6, Robert Franklin 10/8, Belinda Gibbs 10/6, Brownie Hendricks 10/24, Pat Hewatt 10/9, Tanya Jisa 10/20, Vicky McKinney 10/1, Marsha Mitchiner 10/19, Cate Morrill 10/27, Toni Rossi 10/3, Harry Sakalares 10/7, Sabrina Sojourner 10/23, Jeanne Stahl 10/5, David Tomlin 10/7, Jeremy Vercouteren 10/10, Jan Woodcock 10/14.

Our Hearts Go Out To...

Glen Lopez for the loss of his dog, R.C.

Betsy Henderson and Karen Thornton for the loss of their dog, Rusty.

We are still thinking about Elaine Hall and Carol Harder's sister, Betty, who is hospitalized.

Congratulations to Shirley Chancey and Marsha Mitchiner on their 28th anniversary.

Bill Kahler
Pine Lake Coffeehouse
October 3rd, 8 p.m.

Pine Lake welcomes singer/songwriter Bill Kahler, for an evening of original music. Bill plays numerous instruments and writes well crafted, positive, heartfelt songs.

Bill will appear at the Beach house on Lakeshore Drive in Pine Lake, GA. Suggested $5 donation. Please call 404-296-1672 for more information.

Hungry Ear Coffee House
Northwest Unitarian Congregation
Saturday, October 4th, 8 p.m.

Don't forget the Hungry Ear Coffee House in October. This show will include: Dave Anderson, John Krishon, Don Rechtman and George Hergan. If you or someone you know is an amateur folk musician and would like an opportunity to perform, call Ruth at 770-454-7391 to reserve a time slot. The church is located at 1025 Mt. Vernon Hwy, N.W. in Sandy Springs, just inside I-285 (between) the Northside and Riverside exits). Call 770-955-1408 for directions. Refreshments will be available. BOYB. $5.00 donation.

October 2003 Congregational Calendar

Fri 3	**Charis Circle Book Signing with Maxine Hong Kingston** 7:30 p.m.
Sun 5	*Celebration of Life* 11 a.m. Childcare with Nicole Yom Kippur begins at sundown
Tues 7	**Board Meeting** 7:30 p.m. downstairs
Fri 10	**League of Crafty Guitarists Concert** 8:30 p.m. $10
Sat 11	**ASEDA Swing Dance** 8p.m. Lessons; 9 p.m. Dance
Sun 12	*Celebration of Life* 11 a.m. Childcare with Sylvia **November Newsletter deadline**
Fri 17	**Candler Park Fall Festival Latin Salsa Dance Party** 7-10 p.m. $20
Sun 19	*Celebration of Life* 11 a.m. Existential Discussion with Rev. Janna Nelson Childcare with Sylvia
Fri 24	**Standard Deviation CD Release Party** 8 p.m. Art Exhibit Opens—Orixas, by Flavio Lins
Sat 25	***Drawing Mandalas Workshop with Susanne Fincher*** 10 a.m - 4 p.m. $ Call Susanne for info & to register at 404-290-8773 **ASEDA Swing Dance** 8 p.m. Lessons; 9 p.m. Dance
Sun 26	*Celebration of Life* 11 a.m. Childcare with Sylvia **Daylight Savings Time ends** *First Day of Ramadan*

T'ai Chi with Cate Morrill $
Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m.
Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Call Cate for details at 404-525-6466

October 2003 Celebrations of Life

Oct 5 "Yom Kippur; "The Courage to Be"

Speaker: Janna Nelson
Facilitator: Lynn Tippets
Music: Scott Hooker
Sunday Childcare with Nicole

Oct 12 "Love in a Trans Family"

Speaker: Aubrey and Liana Cox,
Facilitator: Charlene Ball
Music: Jean Heinrich
Special Music: Aubrey Cox.

Sunday Childcare with Sylvia

Existential Discussion with Rev. Janna Nelson

November Newsletter deadline

Oct 19 "The Courage to Create; Desire and Risk"

Speaker: Janna Nelson
Facilitator: Charlene Ball
Music: Scott Hooker

Sunday Childcare with Sylvia

"Babes in Crone-Land" *GA Art Therapists Respond to Aging in our Culture*

Oct 26 *(DayLight Savings Time ends today -Fall back 1 hour)* "The Courage to Grow; Being Outrageous and Foolish"

Speaker: Janna Nelson
Facilitator: Patton White
Music: Scott Hooker

Sunday Childcare with Sylvia

Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.

Reggie Leach

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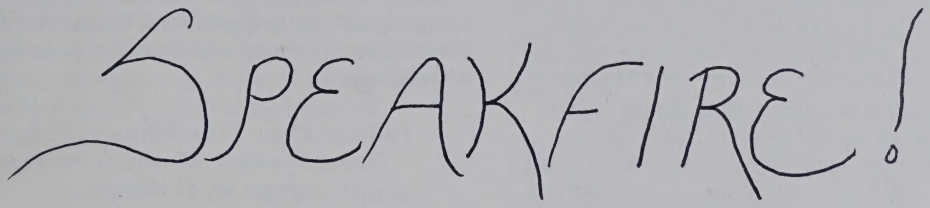


Black Lesbian and Gay Poets Society with Special Guest Host ADODI Muse: A Gay Negro Ensemble

Saturday, June 19, 1999 9:00 p.m.

The Black Lesbian and Gay Poets Society presents a special Atlanta Gay Pride edition of SpeakFire! All are invited to share their art or just enjoy the atmosphere of our open mic music and poetry event. Vendors will be on hand with food, libations, art, and jewelry for sale. We encourage all to come and share in the festivities. Please call 404-297-1843 for additional information. Cost: $5 at the door, free to participants. Sign-up for participants is 8:30 p.m. Program begins at 9:00 p.m.

First E Events

"Playing the Fool"
An Experiential Workshop
with Linda Melrose, Ph.D.
Sunday, June 6, 11:00 a.m.

with Special Music by Scott Hooker

The Sunday, June 6th Celebration, will feature a special *Experiential Workshop* with Linda Melrose, on Creativity. Linda is a long-time First E supporter, psychotherapist, and artist. She has given intensive workshops on Releasing Creativity for a number of years and enriched our lives with a deeper understanding of ourselves and our creative abilities. Please join us in the sanctuary for this special event. Scott Hooker will be providing the accompaniment, which is in itself a musical ecstacy, but he has prepared a special musical presentation for us as well.

Existential Discussion:
Alienation and Courage in Existentialism
Wednesday, June 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary to explore the meaning of Existentialism with Lanier Clance. The evening will include mini-lectures and then open discussions. Lanier says, "this is an opportunity for us to learn from each other." The discussion group is open to members and friends of our congregation.

Privacy and Freedom of Religion:
The First Amendment
Open Round Table Discussion
ACLU of Georgia
Thursday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

The ACLU of Georgia will be hosting an event with Lanier as the facilitator in an open round table discussion of the First Amendment and Privacy and Freedom of Religion. We will be meeting in the Congregation of the First E and the event is free. All are welcome to attend and share in this informal discussion.

Fathers' Day: "The Ethics of Fathers"
Guest Speaker: Moshe Gittelman
June 20, 11:00 a.m.

With Special Music By Jean Heinrich
Piano Accompaniment: Roger Presley

We are thrilled to announce that we have a special guest speaker to recognize, and for those who chose to, honor Father's Day. Moshe will be speaking on "The Ethics of Fathers." Moshe Gittelman, a social worker who is active with the Congregation of Bet Havarim, will be coming to enrich us with his insights into fatherhood today. Roger Presley will be delighting us with his piano accompaniment and Jean Heinrich will be entertaining us with special music!

Artsbusters
15th Year!!!
Bust this summer with Art Camp!
Children 4-10

Artbusters Day Camp will include Painting, Drama, Sculpture, Music, Archeology, Stories and Swimming. Camp will be held from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, for a cost of $135/week. Accommodations can be made for children to attend half-day, and early care and after camp care will be available. The camp will be held at the First Existentialist Sanctuary, for children ages 4 to 10. Each week the children will explore all different art mediums while learning about the following historical subjects:

June 1-4	Prehistoric Humans
June 7-11	Ancient Egypt
June 14-18	Old World India
June 21-25	Medieval Times

For more information call: Camp Director, Priscilla Smith, 404-522-9328. First E Member, Diana Jones, is working with Priscilla Smith on this summer camp which has been a huge success in past years.

Treasurer's Report

May 5, 1999

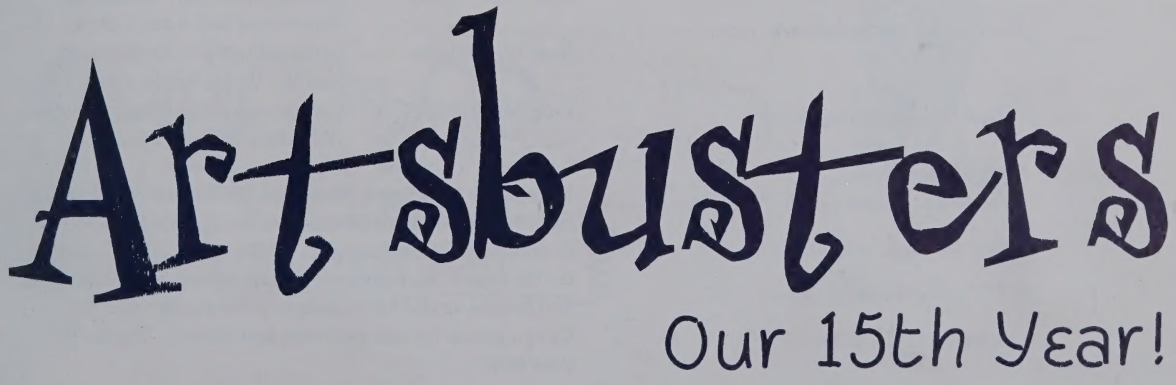
Account Balances: As of April 30, the First E. account balances (unaudited) were: General Operating accounts = $8,288. Designated Purpose Accounts = $12,455. Total = $20,743.

Budget Status: General Operating accounts decreased in April (net of income less expenses) by $314, so we had a small negative cash flow again in April as we did in March. However, our positive cash flow in January and February means we still have a positive cash flow of $1,966 from January thru April.

Pledge Report: As of May 5, we have received 116 pledges totaling $59,734 so we doubtless will have passed $60,000 by the time you get this newsletter. **Congratulations** on reaching this milestone, and a special **Thank You** to each person who helps First E. grow by inviting friends and neighbors to attend one of our Sunday services or other events.

Summer Pledges: Each Summer we have a drop in operating income as folks go on vacations and Sunday attendance wanes. This Summer, please help us keep our operating income strong and steady by sending in your pledge gifts regularly in June, July and August even if you don't attend as much as usual. Unfortunately, our basic monthly expenses don't take a vacation even when we do. Many thanks....

Regards & Love.....Bill Read



Community and Member Events

Thelen has a booth in Arts in the Park in Blue Ridge, GA Memorial Weekend!!! *She would love to see you!*

Fiber & Light © 1999 Installation
By Edith Kelman
Charleston, South Carolina
May 28-June 13

"Edith Kelman fabricated a stunning four dimensional light show by projecting images into a ten –foot array of dangling silver thread." Ruth Dusseult, Art Papers

"I have never been so inspired by installation art as Edith Kelman's work!!!...Edith's multifaceted installation is spiritual in nature and relies on individual participation and perception." Junco Sato Pollack, Professor of Art, Georgia State University

Edith Kelman will be presenting her latest incarnation of *Fiber & Light* during the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, opening Memorial Day Weekend and running two weeks through June 13th. Presented by LOCUS Center for Contemporary Art and the City of Charleston Cultural Affairs, this unusual interactive installation will be located at 39-B John Street, across from the Charleston Visitors' Center. Presentations will be scheduled daily on every half hour between 10 am and 5 pm. Members are discussing a car pool visit to Charleston to see the exhibit and enjoy the festival. Look for updates on the Sunday Celebrations Bulletin.

Join us as we celebrate

Rachel's graduation

Sunday, June sixth
five to eight o'clock
1371 Stephens Drive
404-315-9236

Lillian Faderman
May 28th, 7:00 p.m.

To Believe in Women:
What Lesbians Have Done for America – A History

Lillian Faderman, notable lesbian, scholar, and author of *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers, Surpassing the Love of Men*, and *Chloe Plus Olivia*, will be appearing at Charis Books and More on Friday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m. She will be talking about her new book - *To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done for America – A History*. In her latest book, Faderman explores the lesbian relationships many women maintained in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and the possibility that these relationships allowed these women to dedicate their lives to social reform and feminist causes. Faderman argues that by rejecting conventional heterosexual arrangements, these women were able to focus on their pursuits in education, politics and culture. Please join us for this exciting event!

Charis Pride Events

June 3, 7:30 pm	The Truth Shall Set You Free — Sally Lowe Whitehead
June 10, 7:30 pm	Silencio = Muerte – Young People from Horizons School
June 11, 8:00 pm	All Women's Open Mic — Women only, please.
June 17, 7:30 pm	Lesbian Battering —Deborah Greenwood and Adair Conner
June 18, 8:00 pm	Lesbian Erotica – Readings of Poetry – Women only, please.
June 24, 7:30 pm	Ceremonies of the Heart – Author and Editor Becky Butler

Note to the Newsletter Readers: We are actively seeking submissions to add to the Community Events/Member Events page. We believe this will be an excellent resource for the First E Membership. Please submit any events that you believe would be of interest to the members of the Congregation for the upcoming newsletters. Thanks for your help!

Community Announcements

Welcome to New and Renewal Members

Join us in welcoming the following new members to the congregation: Tamara Arnold, Brownie Hendricks, Rachael Marie Kelly, Natalie Leonard, Monica Grace Lewis, Robin Vinson Poovey, Francie Woodside, and Katie Pinholster.

June Birthdays

Dan DeNoon 6/29; Gareth Fenley 6/23; Caitlin Flowers 6/18; Valerie Gilbert 6/5; Mark Gramlich 6/26; Dwight Lyman 6/26; Nan MacMahon 6/12; Bridgett McNew 6/14; Quinn 6/10; Susan Rawlston 6/9; Marsha Springs 6/17; Carol Stewart 6/30; Nancy VanDyke 6/29; DeDe Vogt 6/16.

Join the First E in the Pride March

PRIDE Weekend is June 26-27

We will have a marching contingent in the Pride Parade this year thanks to many members who have come forward voicing their enthusiasm and Rachel Kelley who has volunteered to organize this event. We will post information in the sanctuary and in our Sunday bulletins beginning in June for information on the time and place to meet to march with our group. If you have any questions or would like to help Rachel with the event, please call 770-745-5399.

Fox Theatre Outreach Committee

Funding for Tickets for Social Outreach

The Fox Theatre is proud to serve the Atlanta Community by providing tickets to social service organizations, schools and summer camps, to cultural events at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. The Fox Theatre has generously provided funding for tickets to a variety of performances, including broadway, ballet, opera, and a summer film series. If you are aware of a charity that would benefit from this program, please contact Monica Lewis at 404-881-2000.

Mark Your Calendar!
Annual Retreat October 8-10

The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center

The site is beautiful & smog free, complete with wonderful vistas and chirping birds. Everyone who can, sign up & look forward to a wonderful experience!!! For further information, including rates, call Jeanmarie @ 770-306-8026.

Memories

As I sat down to write this I looked at the calendar and calculated that it has been 5 weeks and 5 days since I lost my sister, Marilyn. It feels strange to see the exact time that has passed. Some days it feels like a long time ago, other days it feels like yesterday. I still think about her a lot throughout the day. I feel the tears come up but they don't spill over so often.

It's hard to explain but sometimes it doesn't seem real—like it didn't really happen. I don't understand how she got so sick. I visited with her in the hospital several times a week, mostly in ICU. She was on the ventilator most of the time so she couldn't talk and for a while the medication made it difficult for her to write notes. But as a former high school English teacher, she quickly got into note writing in full, grammatically correct sentences. For some reason I kept one page. It doesn't say anything special, but it's special to me.

I've never had anyone close to me die before. When my Father died, I mourned for what we never had, not for what I lost. Losing Marilyn has made me realize how blessed I've been and how many wonderful memories I have to bring some comfort. Right now, I feel a lot of pain with each memory but I believe in time that will shift to more joy at having had the gift of Marilyn in my life.

I am planning a memorial garden in my yard with bright flowers and a bench for sitting, thinking and being. I may put up a wind chime. I will call it "Marilyn's Special Place" but I know that the real special place is in my heart where our love for each other will always be cherished.

Thank you again to everyone who has been so generous with your words of love and healing.

I appreciate every gesture more than I know how to express.

Marsha Mitchner

Thanks to All for Spirited Gifts of Time in May

- Thanks to all contributors to our **Sunday Celebrations**: Kareen Malone, Joel Rachaelson, Mary and Steve Cleary, Pat Martel, Diana Jones, Page Tower, Scott Hooker, Roger Presley, Janna Nelson, Connie Hanes, Sharon Mathis and the Spoken Word Choir.
- Thanks to Pauline Rose Clance for coordinating the fine **May Sunday Programs.** Glenda Corwin and Pat Creasmen are our **June Program Coordinators** team.
- Thanks to **Edi Kelman** for the excellent work she does in assisting the **Newsletter staff.**
- Thanks to **Atlanta Citizen Advocacy** for holding their successful Silent Auction Benefit at First E.
- Thanks to **Kitty and Rob and Scott and Janna and friends** for hosting another sensational **Swing Dance** for the community.
- Thanks to the **May Work Party people** who are continuing to transform our renovation area into a reality: Jean Heinrich, Rachael Kelly, Tom Blakely, Lanier Clance and others to be acknowledged in our upcoming newsletter.
- A **Special Thanks to outgoing Board Members** Chris Parrish, Kathy Cato, and Robert Stewart. We appreciate your invaluable presence and efforts on the behalf of our community over the past year.

Renovation Update
Hurray for the Builders and Electricians!

Our electrical system upgrade from 150 amps to 400 amps was completed on May 6th! We will have a two-line telephone system in place by early June. This will facilitate our receiving faxes, as well as two people to use the system at the same time! We plan to be moving into our new offices in early June. Many thanks from all of us to those who have made this possible.

Celebration of Life

June 6 "Playing the Fool"

An Experiential Workshop with Linda Melrose
Introduction: Lanier Clance
Music: Scott Hooker Special Music: Scott Hooker

June 13 What Does It Really Mean To Be Spiritual?

Coordinator/Speaker: Lanier Clance
Music: Roger Presley Special Reading: Pat Creasman
Special Words: Spoken Word Choir, Director-Sharon Mathis

June 20 Fathers' Day: "Ethics of the Fathers"

Guest Speaker: Moshe Gittelman, Social Worker,
Active with the Congregation Bet Havarim
Music: Roger Presley Special Music: Jean Heinrich

June 27 The Excitement & Anxiety of Diversity in Our Congregation

Coordinator/Speaker: Lanier Clance
Music: Scott Hooker Special Music: Scott Hooker

Program Coordinators for June: Glenda Corwin & Pat Creasman

Congregation Calendar

Thur 3 Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 6 Celebration of Life 11 am

Wed 9 *"Alienation & Courage"*
Group Discussion with Lanier Clance
Open to members and friends
7 to 8:30 pm

Thur 10 *"Privacy & Freedom of Religion: The First Amendment"*
ACLU/GA & First E present a free, open round table discussion; Lanier Clance, co-facilitator - 7 to 9 pm

Sun 13 Celebration of Life 11 am -
First E Annual Meeting
Newsletter deadline

Mon 14 *Vandermark 5:* Chicago Free-Jazz Group - 8 pm, $10 door
Euphonic Productions

Tue 15 *Bi-Nature Meeting* 7 to 9 pm

Fri 18 *Bulgari*: Traditional Bulgarian Folk Sextet – 8:30 pm, $10 door
Euphonic Productions

Sat 19 *Speak Fire:* Dynamic Gay/Lesbian Poetry Event

Sun 20 Celebration of Life 11 am

Fri 25 *Spirit Talk Mbira:* Zimbabwen Percussion Ensemble
8:30 pm, $10 door; Euphonic Productions

Sun 27 Celebration of Life 11 am

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